

## Message Text

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PASS AGRICULTURE FOR NOVOTNY AND KEATON

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EAGR CH

SUBJ: PRC PURCHASES OF CORN AND SOYBEAN OIL

1. ARGENTINE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE TOLD US THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE CHINESE HAD BOUGHT CORN FROM ARGENTINA, BUT DID NOT KNOW THE QUANTITY. HE THOUGHT IT COULD HAVE BEEN AS MUCH AS 400,000 TONS. HE STATED THAT ARGENTINA STILL HAD ABOUT ONE MILLION TONS OF CORN AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT BUT TOTAL QUANTITY WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO CHINA AS OTHER CUSTOMER'S NEEDS HAD TO BE SATISFIED.

2. HE REPORTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT CHINA HAD RECENTLY BOUGHT 70,000 TONS OF SOYBEAN OIL FROM THREE DIFFERENT SUPPLIERS, BUT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE ORIGIN OF THE OIL. HE REMARKED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT SO FAR THE CHINESE HAD BOUGHT A TOTAL OF 140,000 TONS OF SOYBEAN OIL FOR DELIVERY DURING THE 1977/78

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